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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shinsuke SUGATA et al.

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Serial No.:

10/539,449

Group Art Unit: 3722

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Examiner:

WORK PROCESING METHOD IN MACHINE TOOL, PROCESSING JIG FOR PERFORMING THE METHOD, AND SUPPORT DEVICE FOR WORK PROCESSING

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

A filing fee in excess of that required was paid in the above-identified application. More specifically, the filing fee failed to take into account that the International Searching Authority in the application was either the JPO or the EPO and, thus, that a reduced filing fee, \$900 instead of \$1,000, was payable.

In other applications filed by the undersigned in 2005 in which a similar error was made, the PTO recognized the overpayment and credited Deposit Account No. 50-0562 of the firm of the undersigned with the amount of overpayment. Accordingly, it is hereby requested that a refund similar to that just described above be made for overpayment of filing fees in the aboveidentified application and credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Serial No. 10/539,449 Request for Refund

If there are any questions or if anything is missing, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called.

Respectfully submitted,

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